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REQUEST TO EMERGENCY COMMISSION
SECRETARY OF STATE
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Requestor Information

Department name: Department of Human Services
Department number: 325
Name of contact person: Arnie Strebe
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Purpose of Request

Is this request related to a state emergency? No
Purpose of request: Increase in line item spending authority

Line Item	Amount
32510 Salaries and Wages	\$78,610
32560 Grants	\$80,000

Funding Information

What is the source of funds for the requested increase? Federal
Is the funding source a pass-through from another agency? No
Will continued funding be required if Federal funds are no longer available? No
Does the request require a general fund match in this biennium? No
Will the request require general fund support in the next biennium? No

Background Information

Was any portion of the request presented during the previous legislative session? No
Is the request for a new program? No
Does the request require an FTE increase? No
Does the request conform with legislative intent? Yes

Provide explanation:

Salaries - The funds will be used for a temporary position in the Aging Services Division that will help Home and Community Based Services case managers in the Fargo and Bismarck regions find Qualified Service Providers (QSPs) to serve eligible recipients of the Service Payments for the Elderly and Disabled (SPED) program, the Expanded Service Payments for the Elderly and Disabled Program (EXSPED), the Home & Community Bases Services Medical Waiver program, and the Medicaid State Plan Personal Care program by helping them remain in their homes and divert them from an institutional congregate setting, where they may be more likely to contract COVID-19.
Grants -The Vocational Rehabilitation Division will use this funding for a grant that will train ND Assistive technology staff on emerging technologies, train case workers and providers on utilization and expectations, and train individuals and caregivers on how to use the assistive technology.

Other Information

Statutory provisions that relate to this request:
NA

Provide an explanation as to how the request supports state priorities, improves state efficiencies, and promotes effective state government:

Salaries: This request will support state priorities by helping to ensure older adults and adults with physical disability are served closer to home. It also improves state efficiencies by helping eligible home and community based services recipients avoid more restrictive and costly levels of care.
Grants: The Department of Human Services is required to act as a lead agency in order to control and administer funds for an assistive technology program in the state.



Provide any other relevant information:

The funding for this request is made available from the US Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Community Living, the funds will be available from 1/2022-9/2024.

The funds were authorized through the American Rescue Plan Act.

Signature

☒ I, the undersigned, have read this Request, know the contents, and believe the statements contained within to be true.

Arnie Strebe

Sign Here

03/11/2022

Date